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H-200 EL MORRO (Castillo de San Felipe del Morro)

Approximate acreage: 7 Geographical Coordinates:

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First Order of Significance PRESERVATION AND RESTGRATION

San Felipe del Morro is a large masonry fort located on the far western tip of San Juan Island and commanding the entrance to San Juan Bay. The fort covers approximately 7 acres and is built in 8 tiers (levels). The lowest tier is 16 geet above mien water level; the top is 140 feet above. Of the 8 levels two are outside the main structure—San Fernando Bastion in the South Moat and the caponnier Tejeda on the north side.

on the landside, El Morro is protected by a dry moat that stretches between the north coast of San Juan Island across the tip to steep cliffs on the bay side. The fortress roughly is triangular in plan with projecting hornworks on the landward side. A sallyport is the only means of egress to the fort and is centered in curtain walls between the hornworks and reached by a masonry bridge across the dry moat.

The level of the sally port is the parade, or "Plaza de Armas," a long, fairly narrow court which is flanked on both sides by casemates. The northside of the plaza is separated from Carmen Bastion by an arched passage way. Immediately opposite the sally port entrance is the main gun ramp, flanked by steps leading to Santa Barbara and lower levels.

On the level above the Plaza de Armas and partially supported on the casemates, two large bastions—Austria and Ochoa—face landward and a third battery faces northwest and the sea. These are reached by ramps from the Carmen Bastion and the south end of the plaza.

Santa Barbara Bastion, 48 feet below the level of the Plaza, faces the Atlantic Ocean and the Bay of San Juan. The seaside and bayside batteries are divided by a courtyard at a lower level, reached by steps near the foot of the main ramp.

A series of casemates open on the northside of the courtyard. These casemates support Santa Barbara Bastion and were intended for armaments. The open vaulted "casemates" on the southside support the main ramp and were used for kitchen, forge and other service facilities for the garrison. From the casemate on the northwestern side of the courtyard, a vaulted tunneling leads to the remains of the loth century tower that is the kernel of El Morro. Steps from the tower provide access to the "floating battery" at the western tip of El Morro. This

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The San Juan fortifications consist of the major fortresses of El Morro and San Cristobal with their outworks, the city walls, and the satellite forts of El Canuelo and San Jeronimo, and other structures representing first, second, and third lines of defense. As one of the major Caribbean fortifications lof the Spanish Empire, the San Juan defenses contributed to the protection of Spanish imperial interests in the New World.

Begun in the sixteenth century (1539), the defense works had been expanded and added to in four centuries to the period of World War II. In its existing form, the fortifications generally retain the character and appearance of the most advanced 18th century defense techniques that were applied to a difficult and unusual site. Within the framework of the eighteenth century, the defense units still exhibit traces of earlier origin and military features of the 19th and 20th centuries.

Exposed to military action and development in every century of its existence, the San Juan defenses are associated with historic figures such as Sir Francis Drake, Earl of Cumberland, General Bowdoin Henrick, Juan Bautista Antonelli, Field Marshall Alejandro O'Reilly, Thomas O'Daly, Sir Ralph Abercromby, and many others.

San Juan National Historic Site includes Castillo de San Felipe del Morro, El Cañuelo, the North Wall, most of the South Wall, and San Cristobal and its outworks formed by Santa Teresa and La Princesa, El Abanico, the Great Moat and La Trinidad and San Carlos Ravelins.

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is the lowest level of armament in the fortress.

A number of sentry boxes and listening posts (loopholes) are located on Santa Barbara and Carmen Bastions and the top level.

Begun in the 16th century (1539), El Morro has been expanded, repaired and renewed many times. The last extensive remodeling was done during the 1780s. Since then a number of changes and additions have been made during the early and mid-nineteenth century, prior to the Spanish-American War, and during World Wars I & II.

The fort is constructed essentially with walls of San Juan sandstone, with vaulting and piers in brick, and sand and earth-fill between wall shelves. Late 19th century and World Wars I & II additions are concrete. All exposed surfaces inside and out originally were plaster.

The top tier supports a brick lighthouse from early 20th century; with the remains of a mid-19th century structure incorporated.

H-201 NORTH WALL

Acreage: 5 Geographical Coordinates: LAT LON

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First Order of Significance PRESERVATION

The North Wall is more than 3700 yards of the city walls, varying in width from 24-50 feet and in height between 15-30 feet. The walls are constructed in sandstone blocks and generally were plastered.

The six bastions--San Antonio, Santa Rosa, Santo Domingo, Las Animas, San Tomas and San Sebastion--are connected with curtain walls. Each bastion contains embrasures, firing steps and a sentry box.

Two former city gates penetrate the wall. One is Santa Rosa Gate in the curtain wall between Santa Rosa and Santo Domingo. The other, farther to the east, penetrates the wall in San Tomas.

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H-202 CASTILLO SAN CRISTOBAL

Approximate acreage: 4
Geographical coordinates: LAT 66 06 42 ON 18 28 14

PRESERVATION: AND RESTORATION

San Cristobal is the inner line of defense of the large 18th century fortifications that guarded the landside of San Juan. It was connected to El Morro by city walls, north and south.

The fort is approached from the street by a ramp that leads to a central courtyard. A triangular plaza is bordered by barracks casemates and officers quarters. The offensive part of the fort is directly north to northeast and southeast. The casemates on the northside of the plaza contained the enclosed gun positions and also supported a gun deck facing the Atlantic Ocean.

Tunnels from the eastside of the plaza lead to the Great Moat that separates San Cristobal from its outworks. Tunnel ramps lead to the main batteries on El Plano Bastion and El Caballero at levels higher than the plaza.

A gate from the south end of the plaza provides access to a semi-bastion and at one time was egress to the South Walls, razed in 19th century.

San Cristobal is built around the remains of a 17th century citadel. It contains additions of the mid-19th century on the plaza level, late 19th century gun emplacements on the northside of El Plano, as well as World War II observation posts on both El Plano and El Caballero.

El Caballero rises over 100 feet above the shoreline and provides a panoramic view of the ocean, city and bay. A signal mast and small structure occupied by the Port Authority provide communication link between incoming ships and the harbor master.

The architectural character of San Cristobal still is dominated by the 18th century construction period. It contains many fine features, particularly the gates and the quarters buildings.

Generally the walls are constructed from cut snadstone blocks with brick used in vaulting, lining and edging of parapet walls. Most surfaces are plastered. The floors have brick terrazzo

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pavement tile as well as modern concrete finishes.

San Cristobal is extremely impressive and one of the great fortifications of the Western Hemisphere.

H-203 SAN CARLOS, LA TRINIDAD and GREAT MOAT

Approximate acreage: 4
Geographical coordinates: LAT 66 06 40 LON 18 28 12

First Order of Significance PRESERVATION & RESTORATION

The most to the east of San Cristobal separates the main fort from its outworks. Within the most are San Carlos Ravelin and La Trinidad Bastion. The most is formed by the scarp wall of San Cristobal which rises 30-60 feet above the present grade of the most. To the east it is formed by the retaining walls of the outworks that rise on an average of 20 feet from the present grade of the most.

San Carlos Ravelin is a triangular (demi-lune) structure, directed northeast to south. It was accessable from San Cristobal by a covered way across the moat and tunnel to the plaza. It has two levels with casemates on the lower level supporting the upper gun decks.

The former access to San Cristobal from San Carlos has been blocked by a World War II bomb-proof command post, which occupies full width of the Great Moat at its approximate center.

La Trinidad is a five-sided structure. Located to the south of San Carlos, it was built in three levels to accomodate the sloping terrain. Steps from the moat level provide access to the upper gun decks, which face east and southeast. Casemates exist at the lower and intermediate levels.

H-204 SANTA TERESA & LA PRINCESA

Approximate acreage: 16
Geographical coordinates: LAT 66 06 37 LON 18 28 16 66 06 26 18 28 18 66 06 38 18 28 11 66 06 29 18 28 19

First Order of Significance PRESERVATION & PARTIAL RESTORATION RECOMMENDED

The outworks of San Cristobal east of the great moat covers

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terrain that gently slopes down from an elevation of 100° at the west end to 60° towards the east. The outworks include a redoubt at the northwest corner of the area and three fringing bastions: Santa Teresa facing north; Le Princesa at the northeast tip of the outworks, facing north to east; and El Abanico facing northeast to south. These units were built in the last decades of the eighteenth century as outlined in plans of the 1760-70s. The outworks towards the east had a glacis fronting; the area between the bastion and the great most contained a series of breatwalls, covered ways, re-entry places of arms, mining tunnels, etc. Contruction during the last decade of the 19th century and during World War II considerably altered both Santa Teresa and La Princesa Eastions and obliterated the original features of the area between the bastions and the great most. Towards the east.

At present, the area is defined by the Great North Wall that rises 70-100 feet straight up from the Atlantic shoroline, the walls of La Princesa Bastion, the moats of La Princesa and El Abanico Bastions. Between El Abanico and the Great Koat, the area is defined by a wall ranging in height from 10 to 20 feet. These walls and moats are part of the original construction. The area is accessible by the sally port and bridge between La Princesa and El Abanico Bastions and by a gate in the south wall (west of El Abanico) and steps in the counter scarp wall of the Great Fort.

Santa Teresa Bastion has retained fragments of the 18th century breatwalls; however, its original design is obscurred partially by two gun positions and an earth-covered field magazine, constructed in the 1890s.

La Princesa Bastion has retained its original casemates and magazines, constructed at a lower level to the bastion. This unit has been overlaid by an earth-covered bunker and a concrete base of a World Warr II anti-aircraft emplacement.

The area east and south of the two bastions was levelled after World War_II; ten detached single-story officer's quarters were constructed, facing a central mall, on the site. Two single-story service buildings are located east and west of the housing. A 19th century three-room, one-story guard-house in poor condition is located just inside the sally port and north of El Abanico. There are structural failures and footing problems caused by erosion and poor drainage.

H_205 EL ABANICO

Approximate acreage included in above unit, San Cristobal Outworks. 500.000

Geographical coordinates: LAT 66 06 35 LON 18 28 14 CF1rst Order of Significance PRESERVATION COST EST

El Abanico is a principal unit of the San Cristobal Outworks. It is an equilateral triangular bastion, shaped like a fan-hence its name.

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(Number all entries) Located at the extreme southwest corner of the outworks, El Banico 's gundecks face northeast to south. Surrounded by moats, the little fort is approached from the southwest by a bridge that provided access to the lower level of the bastion. Two masonry ramps lead from the lower level to the gundecks along the two outer faces of the bastion. To the north and east. the gundecks are supported on casemates which served as magazine and storage areas. The salient angle is separated by a most from the rest of the bastion. It contains a single gun position and is reached by a narrow bridge from the main section of the bastion. Behind the moat at this point (west), three gun emplacements are directed northeast and southeast to fire above the position in the salient angle. From the access bridge at the southwest corner of the bastion, steps lead to the moat. A second set of steps in the counter scarp wall provides access to a covered way behind the glacis wall along the southeast and partially along the northeast face and moat. Breatwalls and firing steps cross the covered way at two points to the south and at one point to the north. Behind the brearwall to the north, the extension of the moat to La Princesa opens into the Abanico moat.

El Abanico was constructed about 1800 and was the last element of the original design of the San Cristobal Outworks to be completed. It is constructed in cut sandstone blocks with lining and vaulting of brick. All masonry walls inside and out are plastered. In most areas, sufficient amount of the original finishes have been preserved to show the simulated quoins at corner walls, piping of breatwalls and embrasures in integral colored plaster. The finishes are marred by graffiti, some dating back to the mid-18th century. Traces of a chevel de frise can be observed on scarp walls. The finishes and layout of the bastion is elaborate and decorative, and voluted finials at head of the ramps add to this character.

The bastion with most and covered way is approximately one acre. From east to west, glacis wall to the east most's counter scarp, it measures 240 feet; from north to south, the dimension is 270 feet. The height of the scarp wall is approximately 20 feet.

Erosion within the most of El Abanico and to the glacis fronting has caused exposure of the footings of scarp and parapet walls. There are several instances of structural deterioration. Pavements with the bastion have been affected by vegetation and in many instances do not shed water adequately. The casemates will require repair, as will the steps and bridges.

H- 206 SOUTH WALL # 1 (East from El Morro to, but not including, San Juan Gate)

Acreage: 2.5 First Order of Significance PRESERVATION

South Wall #1 includes the fragmentary breastwalls above the steep sandstone cliffs just south and east of El Morro, Santa Elena Bastion, San Agustin Bastion, the curtain wall between the two bastions and the wall between, San Agustin and San Juan Gate. Not included in this unit is approximately 500 feet of fragmentary breastwalls just south of El Morro.

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South Wall fl is 2550 running feet of retaining wall, varying in height from 20 to 50 feet and supporting gundecks, parapet walls and embrasures. Between Santa Elena and San Agustin Bastions and east of San Agustin; the wall rises straight out of the shoreline on the Bay to its full height. Although partially part of an earlier origin, their present shape dates to the 18th century. Repairs to the wall have been made in four locations during the 20th century; the curtain wall between the two bastions was reconstructed in the 1930s. The walls are exposed to see action and erosion from drainage. Several areas show signs of deterioration. This section of the city wall has a history of failure and requires considerable stabilization of its foundations to insure its preservation.

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SOUTH WALL # 2 (San Juan Gate to Las Palmas Bastion inclusive)

Acreage: 1.5 scres

First Order of Significance PRESERVATION

South Wall \$2 includes the San Juan Gate, the Santa Catalina Bastion. La Princesa wall and La Palmas Bastion (to San Justo Bastion). Only the San Juan Gate, part of the La Princess wall and Las Palmas Bastion are units of San Juan National Historic Site. This section is approximatley 800 running feet of eardstone and brick retaining wall, varying in height from 20 to 60 forth The other sections of this sall (1400 running feet) is edministated by the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and City of San Juan.

Southwall \$2 stands back from the shore and is not as exposed to erosion as the walls of El Horro and South Wall fl. It is affected, however, by drainage problems and the deteriorating effects of vegetation, particularly in area of San Juan Gate where the wall is built across a natural gut.

In part, the wall dates to the earliest construction period of the San Juan fortifications. San Juan Gate is the old water gate of the city but has been added to considerably and in its present form represents the 18th century.

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South Wall & E	(West)	66 07 30	18 28 22
	(East)	66 07 12	18 28 06
SOUTH WALL # 2	(West)	66 07 12	18 28 06
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Acreage: 1/20 of acre Goographical Coordinates: LAT 65 06 44 ION 18 28 13 RECORD ORDER OF SIGNIFICANCE ADAPTIVE RESTORATION

A modest enemple of mid-19th century civil residential architecture. Originally, a one-story rubble mesonry structure, 20° wide by 67° deep, with

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(Number all entries) a characteristic shallow "U" shaped plan for San Juan. The front section of the building is the full width of the lot and two rooms doop. It is joined to the rear section, also full width but only one-room deep, with an open patic along the north side of the lot. The patic now is somewhat diminished by a modern concrete staircase and balcony, which provides access to a small,

modern ponthouse above the rear section of the structure.

The street elevation and the interior of the front section have characteristic Moorish revival datails, somewhat brutalized by unsympathetic repairs and inappropriate replacement of original sash. Coilings are original, but floors and other finishes are of later date. The building is sound structurally, but finishes and utilities will require replacement.

Recommended treatment is the restoration of exterior and patio, with adjustment of interiors for use as residence. In plan and general development, the building is typical of the minor San Juan residential structures, with unusual architectural treatment of the elevation towards the street. Its historical association with the San Juan fortifications is not limited to its location between the main ramp of San Cristobel and the Artillery Pavilions; but also served as an off-base residence for the commanding officer.

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Quarters Buildings #2.3. and 4 are located immediately west and below Fort San Cristobal. They are 19th century additions to the military reservation and were constructed to implement the services of the fort.

Quarters #4 (H-211) was formerly the blacksmith shop. A one-story rubble and brick masonry building, it is now a park residence. It is altered extensively with late 19th and 20th century additions. The original structure (47° by 40°) contained two enclosed rooms and an open covered proch (40° by 22°) on the east side. Although the open porch has been enclosed and divided by interior partions and additions made to the structure on the east and south, the original section still is apparent by the large dimensions of its wall, piers and arches.

st order of significance. Acreage: 0.2 This building is of the the

Quarters Building #3 (H-210), formerly an artillary pavilion, presently is unoccupied. A one-story, "L"-shaped brick and rubble masonry structure, its original section was built in the 1850s along the north side of the plot and measured 97'6" x 25'6", with the narrow side facing on Calle de Morzagaray. A late 19th century addition, along the east side of the plot away from the street, measured 47.8" x 23.6". In the 1930s, additions were made to both sections, and the interiors were remodeled. Rec Trpal

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Quarters Building #2 (H-209), presently unoccupied, was originally an artillery pavilion. A large 2-story brick and rubble masonry structure, rectangular in shape with a 47 foot frontage on Calle de Norzagaray and slightly less than 100 feet deep. It is separated from Quarters #3 to the south by an 8-foot open passage.

The the two buildings in their original form were treated as one structure, with a continuous parapet wall and cornice on the facade towards the street and the entrance to the open passage between them developed as a doorway. This treatment was altered after 1880 when additions were made to Quartors \$3. In the 1930s, a second story was added to Quarters \$2, and the interior was remodelled to provide seven apartments for married non-commissioned officers.

Adaptive restoration is recommended to the original elevation toward the street, with the removal of the second story and the remodelling of the first facor interior for use as park headquarters.

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Geographical Coordinates: IAT 66 08 31 ION 18 28 00 Acreage: 3.5

El Canuelo originally was a small masonry fort surrounded by water; however now it is located on Cabras Island, which was a series of minor islets in the harbor entrance connected by landfill, with a noad-causeway access to the main island of Puerto Rico. Constructed in shadstone and brick with plaster finishes inside, El Canuelo's walls rise to height of 20 feet above shoreline.

Access to the fort originally was through the east face at the immediate level between ground the gun platform. At the same level are vaulted casemates which were intended for storage and magazines. Originally, the fort had a super-structure which extended along the east, north and west sides of the gun platform. A sentry box is located on the northeast corner on the gunplatform; the cistern was in the middle of the structure; latrine and kitchen were in the southwest corner.

Footings of the southeast corner of the fort failed, causing a partial collapse of the scarp wall; and through the washing out of fill behind it, the collapse of a section of the gun platform. Foortings have been stabelized and the caisson wall has been built along the east and south footings. Except for the elimination of the super-structure, the present appearance of the fort essentially is the same as the original structure.